RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 31st August, 1987/ 7 Bhadra, 1909 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) *Notification G.S.R. No. 726(E)*, dated the 21st August, 1987, amending Notification Nos. 2—Customs, dated the 1st January, 1979, 255/86-Customs, dated the 17th April, 1986, 480/86-Customs, 481/86-Customs and 482/86-Customs, all dated the 4th December, 1986 so as to extend up to the 31st March, 1988 the validity thereof, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4877/87]

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

I. The Navy (Amendment) Bill, 1987

II. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1987

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

I

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 28th August, 1987, agreed without any amendment to the Navy (Amendment) Bill, 1987, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th August, 1987."

II

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 28th August, 1987, agreed without any amendment to the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1987, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 21st August, 1987."

Re. HDW SUBMARINE DEAL

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, a startling revelation has been made by 'The Hindu' yesterday about the HDW submarine deal. It reveals that as far back as June 27th our Defence Secretary had written to HDW to know about the existence of agents and also about payment of commission, if there be any, in connection with the German submarine deal. On 9th July the Company is reported to have replied to that inquiry and in that reply the Company has stated that though there were no Indian agents — mark 'Indian agents' — I quote —

"As known to the Indian Government, we only used the Globetech Company, our retainer, which we notified in writing to the Chief of Naval Staff on 22nd September, 1982. Though we normally do not disclose company's confidential information, we are submitting enclosed the complete contract signed between Globetech and HDW giving all answers to your detailed questions under paragraph 3 of your letter."

Now it is proved that the Government is in possession of all the information about whether there was any commission agent between the two and whether there was any payment to such agent, and it has

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been admitted by the Company itself that a company named Globetech was there. Parliament has been in Session since 27th July; yet, Parliament has not been taken into confidence about this information which the Government had received from the Company. Only the other day, on 12th or 13th August, while replying to the Bofors debate the Minister of Defence, Shri Pant, had stated that he would share the information, but still he has not shared with the House that information which the Government is in possession of. Now the letters have found their way to the press. Yet, Parliament is still being slighted. This is the way the status of Parliament has been sought to be reduced, that MPs have to depend upon newspaper reports for getting information which the Government is in possession of. So I want, today being the last day, that the Minister of Defence should come to the House and make a statement on it. You know, Madam, we have already sought your permission to raise a Short-Duration Discussion on this issue today. But if that Short-Duration Discussion cannot be granted at the moment, at least the Minister of Defence should come to the House and make a statement and give us an opportunity of seeking clarifications on that statement.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, the way the Government is concealing the facts and trying to shield the guilty it is very clear that there is something wrong in all these dealings. Repeatedly the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister have assured the House that whatever information they have in their possession will be given to the House. But, unfortunately, every time new facts come through the newspapers and unless the Opposition presses in the House for more information, the Government is not coming forward to tell what is happening, and there are very peculiar aspects in this particular deal. The information came first in March that the HDW had informed our Ambassador or our embassy people that a seven per cent commission was being demanded by their Indian agent and so, the price negotiations could not progress. And, on that, the then Defence Minister ordered an inquiry on April 9, and subsequently, he had to resign also. But the first letter was addressed to the HDW Company by the Defence Secretary on the 27th June—on the 9th April inquiry had been ordered here—and up to June 29, no communication was sent to the HDW Company asking for inquiries. That also—I once said that the sense of urgency to be shown by the Government of India in these matters which were causing concern to the whole nation was not evident—had been sent by the diplomatic bag and it reaches there after ten days though they replied within two days. This shows how the Government of India is functioning in these matters also. On July 9, they gave the information and then, on 27th August, the Minister of State for Defence, in answer to an Unstarred Question given by me, replied like this:

> "Investigations in the matter have been entrusted to the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the Economic Intelligence Bureau. The Government also had taken up the matter with the West German Government and HDW to furnish complete information. HDW have replied that the information conveyed to the Government of India is incorrect and possibly the result of a misunderstanding. HDW have further stated that the negotiations in respect of the contract with the Government of India will be directly between the Government of India, the HDW Company and the West German Government without any Indian agent. The matter is being pursued with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany."

That was on the 27th August whereas on July 9 the reply had come from

the HDW Company informing the Government of India of the existence of a middle man, the Globetech, and even that fact has been concealed from Parliament. In the reply they had given they have mentioned about this and even in this reply there is no referenc to the Rs. 30 crores having been paid and they have not commented on that. Therefore, it is essential that the Minister should come before the House and make a full statement on, firstly, what is that misunderstanding which was caused, secondly, what is that information which came to Government of India on the basis of which the then Defence Minister ordered a probe, thirdly, what was the Correspondence that ensued and, fourthly, what is contained in the contract. Copy of the contract, which is now in the possession of the Government of India as supplied by the HDW Company on July 9, shall be laid on the Table of the House. Therefore, it is essential that the Minister comes before the House and makes a full statement. Otherwise, in another two months before the next session of Parliament, unnecessary controversies will arise. In the interest of the Government itself, I think it should come before the House and make a full statement today.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Advani.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, three days back, on Thursday last, I had tabled a question in this regard which came up as an Unstarred Question. Yesterday, when I saw this "Hindu" report, I found that the reply that was given to me was virtually a condensation, almost a verbatim of the letter that has been sent by the HDW. Now, No. 4061 is the Question and I will just read out a brief portion and anyone who goes through this letter would see that it is from this letter itself. Now, the question was "whether the Government have directly asked the German submarine suppliers to furnish any details about the Rs. 30-crore commission information on which was supplied officially by its own ambassador and, if so, what are the results thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor." and this shows that Parliament wanted to know whether full information has been received. The reply is: "HDW has replied that the information conveyed to the Government of India is incorrect and possibly the result of a misunderstanding. HDW has further stated that the negotiations in respect of their contract with the Government of India were held directly between the Government of India, HDW and the West German Government without any Indian agent being engaged."

Now, this is the first part of the letter. The crucial part of the letter was this. "As known to the Indian Government, we only used the Globetech Company as our retainer which we notifid in writing to the Chief of Naval Staff on 22nd September, 1982. Though we normally do not disclose company's confidential information, we are submitting enclosed the complete contract signed between Blobetech and HDW giving all answers to your detailed questions in paragraph 3 of your letter". I do not want to go into the whole paragraph. But the fact is that this is the very question that Parliament had wanted to know. Even though the information was available with the Government, they refused to give it and they gave us the above reply, which I regret is what is called *suppressio veri suggestio falsi.* You suppress the truth and suggest the untruth. Therefore, my complaint is not merely that the Government has not taken Parliament into confidence. My complaint is that the Government has deliberately misled the Parliament on this very vital matter which is agitating the whole country. In this case, the information did not come from the Swedish Radio. The information came from our Embassy in Bonn. It was our Ambassador who complained and he went on to say—which also has been suppressed by the Government—that a senior official of the

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Ministry of Defence, F.R.G., has informed our Embassy in Bonn that while HDW are willing to negotiate acceptable prices for the supply of two more SSK submarines to India, they face financial difficulties on account of their liability to pay 7 per cent commission to their Indian agent. It was because of this non-payment of 7 per cent to agents. Now, 'Indian' is built in here. This Globetech may well be a concern of a person of Indian origin or persons of Indian origin. Today, they may not be Indians. They may be British passport holders, or Italian passport holders or Austrian passport holders. Madam, this is a matter about which I accuse the Government of not only keeping back vital information, but of giving answers to this House which are deliberately misleading. I am sure that there must be many other answers of the same kind which must have been given to other members and which are deliberately misleading. This amounts to a breach of privilege of this House for which, of course, I will be giving a separate notice.

THE DEPUTY CHIARMAN: Shri Nirmal Chatterjee.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal) I demand that the Minister make a statement. Everybody is addressing the Minister of Defence. My answer has not been given by the Minister of Defence. It has been given by the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Gadhvi. As given in a reply to an earlier question, this entire matter about the submarine scandal has been transferred by the Ministry of Defence to the Ministry of Finance. The Minister of Finance is here. I will request him to make a statement on this. Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dipen Ghosh has already spoken on behalf of your party. .. ..

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: That does not affect my right to speak.

(Interruptions)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) महोदया आप को उन को भी एलाऊ करना चाहिए और मुझे भी एलाऊ करना चाहिए ।

उपसभापति : यह कैसे हो सकता है। यह तो डिबेट हो जायेगी ।

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Please allow me just for a minute.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dipen Ghosh has spoken on behalf of your party.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Not on my behalf. I have also a right to speak.

श्री पवन कुमार बांसल (पंजाब) : महोदया यह कोई तरीका नहीं । दोनों तरफ से एक-एक मैम्बर को बोलने दीजिए ।

उपसभापति : एक-एक मैम्बर ही बोलेंगे ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is what was mutually agreed. You are unnecessarily trying to break it.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: You permit me to explain why I want to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not a debate. This was brought up and a short notice has been given. It was said that this is very urgent and that they want to attract the attention of the Government to it. That is why it was allowed so that you can have a short while to draw the attention of the Government to this important issue. Now our practic is that we allow one Member from each party. Since Mr. Dipen Ghosh has already spoken, I don' think, Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee'... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: That is not the practice when they want to raise a point only.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Madam..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jadhav, please sit down. So, now things are going on very smoothly Mr. Dipen Ghosh has already spoken. Why do you want to unnecessarily break this practice?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I will make a submission. Otherwise, I would not have signed it; and Member from my Party would have signed it.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): You can allow more people to speak from the Treasury Benches also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not a debate. Shri Chitta Basu, please.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Madam, this demand for a statement from the Government clarifying the situation is all the more necessary because of the fact that there are suspicions regarding the attempts of the Government to conceal and hide all facts regarding the payment of kickbacks and also the existence of agents in Defence deals. This suspicion is to be removed and this is also in the interest of the Government. Madam, from the correspondence which has been released or published in the 'Hindu' yesterday, three points emerge. One is that there is very inordinate delay in the matter of Government's action. The matter was brought to light and to the public knowledge by Mr. V. P. Singh on April 9. Now you find from the correspondence that the Government of India made attempts to know the facts about it only on 27th June. Why is this delay? This is an inordinate delay. The Government owes an explanation in that respect.

Madam, there is also another important issue which needs clarification by the Government—that is, the Indian agent. All the time a plea is being taken either by the Bofors or by the HDW that there is no existence of an 'Indian Agent'. There might be agents who may not be of Indian origin, who may be non-resident Indians, who may be the citizens of other countries also. And, therefore, Madam, in this case, it rouses suspicion because the correspondence reveals that one company, the Globetech was a retainer. It may be that the Globetech is not owned by any Indian citizen. It may be owned by some non-resident Indian or some other citizen of some other country. And this thing was not unknown to the Government. And the existence of the Globetech company was known to the Government according to the revelation made in the exchange of letter. Our Chief of Naval Staff was informed about it. Now a statement is required to give the details: What is this Globetech company? Who man that company? What are their commercial transactions? What are the other details? And all these are known because, as you know, Madam, all these details were known to the Chief of Naval Staff of India. Therefore, the Government deliberately suppressed the facts. The third point is that there is a contract, and the HDW says that they had already given the details of the contract. The Government of India also knows of that contract. They have submitted. Therefore, it is necessary for the Government to place on the Table of the House the contract itself, not only the contract, but all other matters incidental thereto as in the case of Bofors. Madam, the Government has found it necessary to place on the Table of the House all correspondence in regard to Bofors. Then why should there be separate treatment in this case because kickbacks, existence of agents, are of similar nature both in the case of HDW and in Bofors. Therefore, I want that the Government should make a statement particularly specifying on these four points that I have raised.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, यह बड़ी तकलीफ की बात है कि सरकार की ओर से बार बार कहा जाता है कि वह किसी बात को छिपाना नहीं चाहती और हर एक बार यह साबित होता है कि सरकार बातें छिपाती है । पहली बात तो यह है कि सबमैरिन डील के बारे में सदन में रक्षा मंत्री ने कहा था कि अभी तक तथ्य सामने नहीं आये हैं । इसलिए उसके सम्बन्ध में कुछ नहीं कहा जा सकता है। लेकिन अब यह बात साबित हो गई है कि सरकार क सामने तथ्य आ गये थे । तो इस तरह से पार्लियामेंट के अधिकार जो आप कुंटित कर रहे हैं यह सिर्फ अपोजीशन का भी काम नहीं है, यह सरकारी पार्टी के माननीय सदस्यों का भी कर्तव्य है हम लोग बराबर क्या बाहर से जानेंगे कि यह बात है चाहे अखबार हो चाहे विदेशी रेडियो हो चाहे और माध्यम हो । क्या सरकार हम लोगों को बुलाकर पक्ष और विपक्ष के लोगों से नहीं कह सकती थी कि इसमें ऐसी बात है । इसलिए यह अत्यन्त लज्जाजनक बात है । उपसभापति महोदया, मैं सरकार के इस कार्य की सख्त से सख्त निन्दा करता हूं और मांग करता हूं कि इसके संबंध में अविलम्ब एक स्टेटमेंट आज ही दिया जाय ।

दूसरी बात, मेरे पास सूचना है कि पहले जो रक्षा मंत्री थे उन्होंने इस संबंध में एक जांच का आदेश दिया था डिपार्टमेंटल जांच का और रक्षा मंत्री ने उसकी जांच कराई थी । मुझ बाद में यह सूचित किया गया है सरकार ने उसको रद्द कर दिया है । यह कहां तक सत्य है या असत्य है यह भी क्या हमें बाजार में जाकर पूछना पड़ेगा क्योंकि सरकार तो कहेगी की नहीं हुई है । पार्लियामेंट की कीमत बाजार से भी कम हो गयी है । इसलिए मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगा कि किन परिस्थितियों को उसको कैंसिल किया गया है ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगा कि जब इतने तथ्य सामने आ गये हैं तो फिर पार्लियामेंटरी कमेटी जो बैठी हुई है तो उसके सुपुर्द यह मामला किया जायेगा या नहीं किया जाये ? या क्या इसको दुनिया में इस बारे में न्यूज आने तक रोका रखा जायेगा और भी हम लोग इस पर सही ढंग से विचार कर सकेंगे। यह मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं ?

श्री शरद यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, माननीय सदस्यों ने, जो हमारे मित्र हैं उन्होंने बराबर इस बात को बकायदा खोलकर रखने का काम किया है । मेरा निवेदन यह है कि आज अंतिम दिन है और बराबर सरकार का झूठ पकड़ा जा रहा है । तथ्यों को बार बार छिपाने का काम लगातार सरकार कर रही है । मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि आज अंतिम दिन है... (**व्यवधान**)...

एक माननीय सदस्य : अंतिम दिन किस का है ?

श्री शरद यादव : मेरा यह कहना है कि इस सदन का आज अंतिम दिन है.. (**व्यवधान**)

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सरकार का अंतिम दिन है... (**व्यवधान**)..

श्री शरद यादव : मेरा यह कहना है कि सरकार बराबर बार-बार इस सदन में इस मामले में लागातार झूठ बोलने का काम करत रही है । यह खबर इनके पास थी कि सबमैरीन डील में कौन बिचौलिये लोग हैं और इसको बकायदा मंत्री जी और सरकार यहां बता सकते थे । लेकिन उन्होंने सदन को गुमराह किया है । अंत में मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि अगर सदन को ठीक से चलाना है तो तत्काल, मंत्री जी का यह जो भंडाफोड़ फिर से हुआ है, या जो उन्होंने झूट बोला है, उसका खंडन करने के लिए सरकार को आना चाहिए जिससे कि ये बातें-ठीक ठाक हो सकें ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up the Government business.

SHRI K. MOHANAN (Kerala): No, Madam, Just a minute.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Please give me a minute, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now you are asking me to break all the procedures.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: You are very kind.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am kind, that is all right. But you should not go beyond a particular limit.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I will take a minute only.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. You are a very senior Member. You know how the business is conducted. I have gone out of the way and allowed you to speak. This will not be a good gesture.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam, we have made our submissions. The Finance Minister is also involved because the inquiry is being conducted by the Finance Ministry. Defence Minister may not be there; Finance Minister is here, at least he should respond and give a statement. What is the end result of all this?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): I have respectfully noted all the points that have been made by the distinguished leaders of the opposition. Reference is to the photostat copies published in The Hindu on HDW submarines deal, and these pertain to a letter reportedly written by the Secretary of Defence Ministry to the Chairman of HDW, and the reply that the Chairman HDW sent to the Defence Secretary. It is correct that the other day my esteemed colleague Mr. Gadhvi did answer a question as to what steps are being taken by the Enforcement Directorate, and the first question was that he did not have adequate and competent officers to examine the matter, and in (c) part, Mr. Advani mentioned: It has been referred to that the information conveyed to the Government of India is incorrect and possibly result of misunderstanding. Now, the concluding line of the reply is: The matter is being pursued with the Government of Federal Republic of Germany. Now, Mr. Advani has said that no mention has been made regarding Globetech. I will certainly look into the matter because I do not have the information now and I will certainly look into it whether this correspondence had been exchanged or not. I will go back and will certainly go through the file and if the answer needs any correction... (*Interruptions*).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: I do not know whether...

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : यह सवाल को करेक्ट करने का मामला नहीं है । आपने सदन को अन्धेरे में रखा है। आपने तथ्यों को छिपाया है । (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: No, I want to ask...

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: The point is, I do not have all the facts just now. I do not know about the letter reportedly written. But as I said, I will go and look up the file and see whether the question needs certain corrections...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What correction? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Government is ware of it.... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: How is the Government functioning?

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी : मैं अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी से कहूंगा मैं बड़े आदर के साथ सारी बातों को सुनता रहा हूं । मेरा स्वभाव ऐसा नहीं है मैं तो संसदीय स्वभाव का आदी हूं । मैं आग्रह

[श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी]

करूंगा जो भी कहें कृपया शान्ति से कहें और मुझे विश्वास है उनकी संसदीय वृत्ति पर । अगर उस में कोई बात जान-बूझ कर के नहीं... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : यह भ्रष्टाचार कर रहे हैं और हमें संसदीय आचारण का पाठ पढ़ा रहे हैं (**व्यवधान**)

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी : जितनी आपको चिन्ता है भ्रष्टाचार की उतनी हमें भी है (**व्यवधान**)

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SHRI K. MOHANAN: Facts are available with the Government. Our demand is you release that information.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam there is a little confusion.... (*Interruptions*). Why do you bring Shri N. T. Rama Rao always? Are you so afraid of him? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Madam, they have failed to wipe out the corruption. The corruption is generated by the Government at the Centre. It may be a failure on their part to wipe out corruption but it is being generated by the Government here.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: There is some confusion. The Defence Secretary issued a Press Note last month saying that the Defence Ministry is not enquiring into the submarines deal; it is the Finance Ministry which is enquiring into it. And in spite of that, questions are being answered by both the Ministries. And in spite of saying that Defence Ministry is not enquiring into the matter, what prompted the Defence Secretary to write a letter to HDW in the matter? That is one point. And when the Finance Ministry is enquiring into it, whether the whole correspondence has been given to the Finance Ministry or not, so far. Has the whole correspondence been given to the Finance Ministry and has the Minister seen the correspondence? He says: I have to check up. It clearly shows that the Finance Ministry which is enquiring into the matter is kept in the dark again. I think the Finance Minister can take a little time today and come back in the afternoon with full facts. Otherwise there will again be a controversy in the newspapers which will not be in the interest of the Government too.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question is that here is a letter published in the Hindu purported to have been written by 'ABW.' In that letter the name has been mentioned. 'AWB' has furnished all the information which the Union Defence Ministry wanted to have—about the existence of the middlemen, about the terms of the agency, about the proprietorship or the partnership or the ownership of that company, etc. etc. All information has since been furnished to the Government on the 9th July; it might have come to them on the 10th, 11th or 12th. The reply has been given only the other day. It is not a question of rectification. The Leader of the House had mentioned that he would give rectification. It is not a question of rectification or correction. The question, first of all, is that the Government has suppressed the information while giving reply to the Unstarred Question. Secondly, still there is time today; up to the afternoon there is time. Let the Minister go back to the Department, check up from the file and come back with full information and share that information with the House. It is a question of the right of this House. This House cannto be taken for a ride like this.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : महोदया, मुझे अफसोस है कि मुझे थोड़ा गुस्सा आ गया था । वह गुस्सा तिवारी जी के खिलाफ नहीं था । लेकिन तिवारी जी ने कहा कि मैं सवाल के जवाब को करक्ट कर दूंगा । यह मामला अगर इतना सरल होता तो इतनी उत्तेजना की आवश्यकता नहीं थी । हमने

संसदीय समिति के लिये जब प्रश्न सदन में विचाराधीन था तो उस समय भी हमने कहा था कि सबमेरीन के मामल को संसदीय समिति को जांच के लिये सौंप दो। अब पता लगा कि क्यों नहीं सौंपा गया।

महोदया, यह मामला तथ्यों को दबाने का है। यह मामला है पनडुब्बियों की खरीद में बिचौलिये होने का और सरकार यह दावा करती रही है कि पनडुब्बियों की खरीद में कोई बिचौलिया नहीं था। यह साबित हो गया कि बिचौलिया था। पूरी सरकार की प्रामाणिकता पर प्रश्न चिन्ह लग गया है, सवाल को सही करने का यह मामला नहीं है।

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी : मैं सम्मानित वाजपेयी जी का अत्यन्त अनुगृहीत हूं कि वे अपनी संसदीय वृत्ति पर वापस लौट आए। और उनसे यह अपेक्षा भी थी। सम्मानित वाजपेयी जी को यह अच्छी तरह से ज्ञात है कि इस सदन की परिपाटी है, यह 2; अगस्त का प्रश्न है, अगर प्रश्न में कोई सूचना अधूरी रह जाती है तो उसको सही करने का अधिकार संसद को हमेशा रहा है। इसमें मैं विश्वास करता दिलाता हूं कि हमारी तनिक भी अभिप्राय नहीं है किसी प्रकार की जानकारी को दबाने का, न इसका कोई प्रश्न है। प्रश्न यह है कि पहले हमारा जो इंफोर्समेंट डाइरेक्टोरेट है उसको दो तीन कार्य जांच के लिये दिये गये, उनको इंफोर्समेंट डाइरेक्टोरेट कर रहा है। उस प्रश्न के उत्तर में यह लिखा गया है कि—

"The matter is being pursued with the Federal Republic of Germany."

यह भी कुछ नहीं कहा गया है। तो कैसे यह आरोप लगा सकते हैं हमारे सम्मानित सदस्य, या वह यह कहें कि यह तो मामला दबा रहे हैं? यह तो चल रहा है। जो दायित्व रक्षा मंत्रालय ने इंफोर्समेंट डिपार्टमेंट के सुपुर्द किया है, वह उसे भरसक कर रहा है।

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Madam, Just one point. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Leader of the House, one thing which has been repeatedly mentioned in the House is that no Indian agents are involved. I am surprised at the complacency of the Government. If it is not an Indian agent, it must be a foreign agent. Now, if a foreign agent is used to influence deals here, is it not bad? It is much more dangerous. This is what surprises me that even after 'The Hindu' publishes the facts that a foreign agent is involved, the Government, on its own, does not come out with a statement. (*Interruptions*). This is what it says. No Indian agent is involved. The Globetech Company is not supposed to be an Indian company. If a foreign company is allowed to exert influence on our Government or function as a commission agent, it speels disaster for the country. Unfortunately, Government did not, on it's own, disclose the information it had with it since 1982. We have not heard that any such company had been prosecuted since 1982. Even today, when it has come to light via a newspaper, Government does not think that it is its duty to come to the House on its own with a statement. (*Interruptions*) This is how, Madam, the policy of the Government has led us to this situation. Therefore, I say that it is much more serious than a mere correction. I even suggest that... (*Interruptions*) till the Government comes out with a satisfactory answer about this Globetech Company, the correspondence etc., the House should stand adjourned. This is the kind of seriousness with which this matter should be treated by all sections of the House. If we do not, as Members of Parliament, take this matter as serious, the country is doomed. I would like to have a response from the Leader of the House. (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): As the hon. Member knows—they have themselves said—when the discussion on Bofors was going on, the Defence Minister referred to it because there was a suggestion from the Opposition that this should also be investigated by the Parliamentary Com-

[Shri H. K. L. Bhagat]

mittee. The Defence Minister said that they were going into the matter and that the House would be informed soon. It is not that the Government is ignoring the matter or hiding anything. The Government is going in'o the matter and when the investigations are complete, they will come back to the House. This is what the Defence Minister has also said. There is no question of Government hiding anything. There is no question of Government doing anything of that type. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Let the Defence Minis'er be asked to come and make a statement. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: This is unfair. (Interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not correct. Let him complete.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Madam, you have permitted me. It is very amazing. It is the same old orchestration, politically-motivated... (*Interruptions*) Madam, I wish to say that a debate is started on something which is written in a newspaper, without any notice to the Government. I will bring this to the notice of the hon. Minister. If he feels like saying anything at this stage, he will do so. Otherwise, there is no question of Government hiding anything.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This House does not belong to the ruling party...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not going on record now.

(*Interruptions*)

Now please listen to me. With the general consensus we decided that we will have a session on Monday and we will pass the Constitution (Amendment) Bill and other Bills. It was with all your consent. It was decided that we will pass these Bills in the morning. Now, as a matter of fact no other point could be raised today, even if it was a Short Duration notice. Today is the last day and we wanted that everything should be smoothly transacted. But you came to me and I agreed to your request. I have allowed each one of you to speak on this. Now if you go on asking for statements from the Government immediately in spite of an assurance given by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister that, if needed, they would come before the House, I think it is not correct. We should now go ahead with the transaction of the today's business. (*Interruptions*). You please cooperate. I have cooperated with you and you please cooperate with me.

श्रीलाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : महोदया, क्या वित्त मंत्री यह कहना चाहते हैं कि उनको ग्लोब टैक के बारे में जानकारी कल के "हिंदू" के बाद ही मिली है या सरकार को इसकी जानकारी नहीं है। मेरा कहना यह है कि अगर मेरा सवाल 27 अगस्त का न भी होता और "हिंदू" में कल यह खबर छपती, तो मेरे मन में यह बात जरूर उठती कि इतने दिन तक, महीना भर हो गया है और हम लगातार पूंछते रहे इसके बारे में और सरकार हमेशा कहती रही है कि कोई मिडलमैन नहीं है और अचानक "हिंदू" के इस पत्र से मुझे जानकारी मिलती है कि न केवल मिडलमैन है, जिसका नाम "ग्लोबटैक" है, लेकिन सरकार को 1982 से लेकर के इस बात की पूरी जानकारी है। क्या मैं यह नतीजा नहीं निकाल सकता हूं कि सरकार जानबूझ कर हमको गुमराह कर रही है। उसके बाद यह तो अनायास मेरे हाथ में मेरा सवाल आ गया 27 अगस्त का और उसको मैं पढ़ता हूं तो देखता हूं कि उसी चिट्ठी का पहले उद्धरण पूरे का पूरा है और दूसरा उद्धरण जिसमें उस कांट्रैक्ट का जिक्र है, जिसमें ग्लोबटैक का जिक्र है, उसको निकाल दिया है।

अब मंत्री जी अगर यहां कहते हैं कि मैं इसको करैक्ट कर दूंगा, मेरा चार्ज है कि यह करैक्शन का नहीं है—

This is not an inadvertent lapse. There is no inadvertency. It has been a deliberate suppression by the Government.

इसीलिये हमारा कहना यह है कि हमको ग्लोबटैक के बारे में यह जो तथ्य

आए हैं, आज ही उसकी जानकारी सरकार हमको दे । वित्त मंत्री दें, तो बहुत अच्छा, नहीं तो प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री को बुला कर हमको दे दें । लेकिन यह आश्वासन अगर नहीं मिलता है सरकार की तरफ से कि हमको आज जानकारी दी जायेगी, तो हमारे लिये सहयोग करना सम्भव नहीं होगा ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, we agreed to get the House extended by one day to enable it to pass the two Bills, but in the meantime this has happened. It has been revealed that the Government did not share information which it possessed. So, naturally we have raised this issue. We are inclined to cooperate, we are even prepared to sit late in the evening to get these two Bills passed. Let the Government reciprocate. The Leader of the House who is also the Finance Minister is here. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is also here. Let them say that at 3 or 4 or 5 O'clock the Miinster of Defence will come and make the statement. Let there be cooperation from the Government side.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Only one submission. It is a very simple matter. You need not lose temper on this. What statement the Defence Minister will make, it is up to him, we cannot compel him to make a particular statement. We want him to make a statement and also lay a copy of the Contract and other details on the table of the House. Let him make the statement anytime today. We are prepared to sit whole night and complete all the legislation, pass whatever Bills are scheduled for today.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I have said that I shall bring all these things to the notice of the Defence Minister and I will come back to the House at 5 O'clock today with what we have to say or not to say.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: * * * *

*Not recorded.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is unparliamentary, you cannot talk like that. It will not go on record. (*Interruptions*). Nothing will go no record.

Now Bills for introduction.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: No, Madam. (*Interruptions*). Nothing will go on record.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have given you enough time.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, this is not fair. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Vengal Rao.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: In that case, House will not be allowed to proceed. (*Interruptions*)

(*At this stage some hon. Members left the Chamber*)

THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 1956.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

THE WAREHOUSING CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Madam, I introduce the Bill.